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# **SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT Gallatin County Landfill at Logan, Montana Severe Weather Closure Policy**

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The Gallatin County Solid Waste Management District (“District”) will cease operations and not accept refuse during periods of severe weather events (high winds, excessive snow, rain, sub-zero temperatures, flooding, fire, etc.) as deemed necessary by the District in order to prevent a hazardous environment. The District shall protect the public and its employee’s health and safety during severe conditions that could cause severe injury.

A variation of weather can cause the landfill to close, but historically, high wind in the area is a common cause for closure. The District will cease operations when wind speeds are measured at 35 miles per hour at a 10 minute interval; when wind gusts equal or exceed 45 miles per hour (customers will be detained at the gate until gusts subside); any windy condition which results in blowing materials that could cause severe injury; nuisance conditions required by regulations, *“Sites and facilities shall have a minimum of windblown debris; effective means shall be taken to control litter at solid waste storage and disposal facilities.”*

Typically, these conditions occur in the springtime when weather patterns are changing. However, they can occur at any time as storm fronts move through the area.

On-site weather monitoring devices will be used to determine wind speed, duration, direction, and wind chill temperatures. Wind speed-readings will be logged on site. In case the wind-monitoring device is not operational, and in order to protect the public’s health and safety, the District still may close the landfill if it deems necessary without using operational weather monitoring devices.

If closure due to severe weather conditions is imminent, the landfill will use the following protocol:

- A County Administrator will be contacted before a closure is implemented.
- The District will make every attempt to reach the public to inform them of the closure by utilizing a Severe Weather Closure Call List. This list includes radio and television stations, as well as, major waste haulers, who will be contacted immediately with all closings and re-openings.
- The main telephone line of the landfill will notify callers of the situation; the time the landfill will be closing, or has closed and the expected date and time to re-open. Landfill users are advised to contact the landfill prior to traveling to the facility during adverse weather conditions.
- When the Landfill closes for a significant period of time during a business day, the District may remain open later or re-open earlier than regular business hours. Additional hours outside of regular business hours will be at the discretion of the District.

**All inquiries and questions regarding the Gallatin County Solid Waste Management District's Severe Weather Closure Policy can call: 406.284.4029**

### **Secure Load Tarping Policy**

It is unlawful for any person to transport any solid waste without first covering such load with an adequate tarp, sheet or similar protection and adequately secure any such load and its covering.

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